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VIRUS (BIV)BASED VECTORS

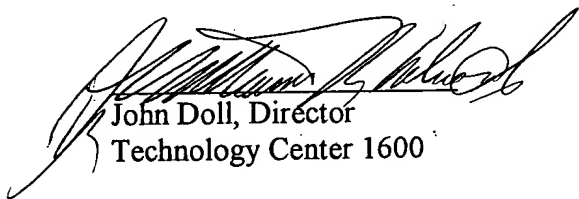
DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.53, filed November 16, 2000, to convert the application to a provisional application.

Since the petition includes all that is required by 37 CFR 1.53, the petition is GRANTED.

The application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) for conversion into a provisional application.

PETITION GRANTED


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